

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** County of Los Angeles  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Planning & CEQA Section  
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**Project Title:** Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area Urban Greening Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area  
905 E El Segundo Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90059

**Project Location - City:** Los Angeles

**Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

### **Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The proposed project will plant approximately 118 trees, install an irrigation system, and amend and reseed any areas of the park impacted by the proposed project.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Los Angeles County

**Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Los Angeles County

**Exempt Status** (check one):

### **Article 19. Categorical Exemptions**

- Categorical Section 15301  
Class 1 (h)
- Categorical Section 15303  
Class 3 (d)
- Categorical Section 15304  
Class 4 (b)
  
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption  
Class 1 (j)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption  
Class 3 (a)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption  
Class 4 (c)

### **Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The amendment and reseeding of areas impacted by the project are consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, which provides for repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (h) for maintenance of existing landscaping.

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The installation of an irrigation system is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (d) for water main extensions.

The planting of approximately 118 trees is consistent with Section 15304 Class 4 which provides for minor alteration to land that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature and scenic trees. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (b) for new gardening or landscaping.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The amendment and reseeding of areas impacted by the project are consistent with Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (j) for maintenance of existing landscaping.

The installation of an new irrigation system is consistent with Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (a) for water main extensions.

The planting of approximately 118 trees is consistent with Class 4 which provides for minor alterations to land that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature and scenic trees. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (c) for new gardening or landscaping.

The proposed use of Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

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**If Filed by Applicant:**

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public Agency approving the project? **Yes** No

*Chien, Jui Ing*  
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 Signature, Jui Ing Chien

07/07/2020  
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 Date

Park Planner  
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